

Marlene H. Dortch, SecretaryFederal Communications Commission  
236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.  
Suite 110  
Washington, DC 20002

Re: WT Docket No. 02-276

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce would like to register its support for the FCC proposal to allow Auction 35 applicants to apply for voluntary dismissal of individual applications and obtain a complete refund of down payments associated with those licenses. This is one of the most pressing matters facing the wireless industry today, as the FCC continues to retain the nearly \$16 billion in funds associated with this auction.

The Chamber sees the resolution of this matter as critical to the widespread deployment of advanced wireless capabilities. We feel that an elimination of the debt liability in FCC Auction 35 will demonstrate the FCC's commitment to advancing next-generation wireless services across the nation, without having a detrimental impact on the integrity of the radio spectrum auction process.

The Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce strives to promote long-term economic prosperity and job creation within the Greater Boston metropolitan area and beyond. We feel that the return of these auction funds to the carriers will result in a significant increase in capital expenditure on the part of the wireless industry. This increased spending will promote job creation and the rejuvenation of a wireless marketplace that has sustained severe financial losses in recent months. Additionally, this infusion of capital back into the private sector comes at a time when fiscal recovery is needed in local, regional and national economies.

The Chamber applauds the FCC's continuing commitment to enacting policies and regulations that further the cause of communications innovation in the United States, and we thank you in advance for your consideration of our recommendation.

Sincerely,

Paul Guzzi  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce